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HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 18TH, 1885.

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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 11. ASCHLES, British steamer, 1,304 C. Jackson, Liverpool 21st February, and Singapore 4th April, General BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

April 11. DIAMANTES, British steamer, 513 F. Stack, Manila 8th April, General RUSSELL & CO.

April 11. CHINATUNG, American steamer, 885, Winsor, Chelmsford 6th April, General RUSSELL & CO.

April 11. MINNA DEUTSCHEMANN, German 3-m. schooner, 164, Spurding Kung 7th April, Ballast - BLACKHEAD & CO.

April 11. POLYMYN, German steamer, 1,053, R. Bohne, Hamburg 21st February, and Singapore 5th April, General SIMSEN & CO.

April 11. MAJWA, British steamer, 2,935, Atkinson, Shanghai 9th April, Mail and General - P. & O. S. N. CO.

April 11. YORKSHIRE, British steamer, 1,489, O. J. Arnold, Saigon 7th April, RUSSELL & CO.

April 11. MOSEI, British steamer, 1,323, T. C. Titoz, Nagasaki 7th April, Coals - RUSSELL & CO.

April 11. MINTA, German steamer, 838, H. Moret, Newchwang 2nd April, General - WIELER & CO.

April 12. AMIO, German steamer, 74, Thiseen, Tonkin 9th April, Coals, Salt and General - WIELER & CO.

April 12. KONG BING, British steamer, 862, R. Jones, Bangkok 4th April, General - YUEN FAT HOHO.

April 12. GRIEVENHORN, British steamer, 227, D. Scott, Hickling 10th April, General - AVAN-BELL, BELL & CO.

April 12. KWANG-LEE, American steamer, 1,507, Andrew, Saigon 8th April, Rice - RUSSELL & CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

11TH APRIL.

Kashgar, British str., for Singapore.

Coloma, Amur, bark, for Portland, Oregon.

Ahura, German str., for I.-on.

Namoa, British str., for Swatow.

Anna Bertha, German bark, for Whampoa.

Chi-yuen, British str., for Swatow.

Canton, British str., for Port Darwin.

Endy, Spanish str., for Canton.

Almatio, Amur, bark, for Tientin.

DEPARTURES.

April 11. STANZ, German str., for Holloway.

April 11. SOVIEDO, Spanish bark, for Manila.

April 11. CANTON, British str., for Australia.

April 11. TENTER, British str., for Yokohama.

April 11. ROMO, Spanish str., for Saguenay.

April 11. KASGAR, British str., for Bombay.

April 11. ALMATIO, Amr. str., for Tientin.

April 12. NAKAO, British str., for East Coast.

April 12. ANNA BERTHA, German bark, for Whampoa.

April 12. CHI-YUEN, British str., for Swatow.

April 12. ENDY, Spanish str., for Canton.

April 12. MELITA, German str., for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Mr. Anches, son, from Liverpool, &c. - Mr. Mrs. Dodd's family, and Mrs. Botts and daughter.

Mr. Biemann, str., from Manila - Mr. H. P. Homann (German Consul), and servant, 1 European, and 13 Chinese deck.

Mr. Amio, str., from Toulon - 14 Chinese.

Mr. Kwang-nan, str., from Saigon - 20 Chinese.

Mr. Polygamma, str., from Hangchow - 20 Chinese.

Mr. Acosta, Mrs. Ecock, Misses Runnes and Steen, and 14 Chinese from Singapore.

Mr. Kong, str., from Bangkok - Mr. Endy, Spanish str., and 1 Chinese.

Mr. & P. O. & Co. from Shanghai - For Hongkong - Mr. M. V. Stockley, and 27 Chinese.

For Singapore - Mr. Lee, Tuck Long, and 1 Chinese.

For Melbourne - Miss Robinson. For Malta - Capt. Airey. For Marsella - Mr. and Mrs. Lathana. For London - Mrs. Olson, Rev. and Mrs. Bromton, Rev. and Mrs. Stalman and child, Rev. Mr. Mrs. Cuthbert, infant and small. Rev. Dr. W. Bell and G. C. Do St. Croix, infant and name.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Moorster* reports left Nagasaki on 7th April, and had moderate breeze and fine weather.

The American steamer *Albion* reports left Saigon on the 7th April, and had light E.S.E. winds and fine weather throughout.

The American steamer *Chinatown* reports left Chefoo on the 6th April, and had light N.W. wind and rain to Suddles; from then strong N.W. wind.

The British steamer *Jacobus* reports left Liverpool on the 21st February, and Singapore on the 4th April, and had fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Dianabone* reports left Manila on the 8th April, and had moderate S.E. winds and fine weather to lat. 21° N.; thence to port hairy weather.

The German steamer *Polygamma* reports left Hamburg on the 21st February, and Singapore on the 5th April, and had fine weather during the whole passage from Singapore to port.

The British steamer *Dragon* reports left Bangkok on the 4th April, and had moderate S.E. winds leaving to Pale Chai; from thence to Faroe Islands variable winds to port right E. to N.E. winds and clear weather with moderate swell from N.E.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.

(For last Month's Advice.)

Pandora (a.) Hongkong Feb. 20

Dilbergo (a.) Hengko Feb. 21

Glenavon (a.) Shanghai Feb. 23

Flintshire (a.) Shanghai Feb. 23

Electra (a.) Shanghai Feb. 23

Claesoppe (a.) London Feb. 23

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

We HAVE This Day admitted Mr. JOHN WILLIAM GEATMAN as a Partner in my Business, which will be carried on in future under the name of F. & J. GEATMAN & CO.

Mr. FERDINAND LOUIS CHRISTIAN OTTE has this Day been admitted a Partner in our Firms at Hongkong, Canton, and Shanghai.

F. PUSTAU & CO.

Hongkong & China, 1st April, 1885.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day opened a Branch of our Firm at this Port, and have authorized Mr. G. MACKELBITH SMITH to sign our name.

MARGESSON & CO.

Canton, 1st April, 1885.

NOTICE.

M. E. A. RAVEN having retired in Europe, the Business hitherto existing under his name will henceforth be carried on by the Undersigned for his own account under the Style and Firm of H. EBBEL.

H. EBBEL Canton, 1st March, 1885.

NOTICE.

I. KHO HIEEN, CHOP KEM ENG notice that my Agent, Mr. H. EBBEL, has sold the Firm of KONG-NAM-HING, who have been my Agents and Partners in a Timber Trade for the past year.

I have no other Agent or Agents in Hongkong.

Signature of KHO HIEEN, Chop KEM ENG WHATTI.

Sundaken, 24th February, 1885.

INTIMATIONS.

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BEDSTEADS!

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ARE NOW SHOWING

BEDSTEADS

THE LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

HONGKONG

13th March, 1885.

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HONGKONG, APRIL 13TH, 1885.

The debate in the Legislative Council on Wednesday on the Bill for the Incorporation of the Roman Catholic Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong was interesting not only on account of the importance of the Bill itself, but also on account of the extraordinary course adopted by the Attorney-General with reference to the reading of a certain despatch, the production of which had been asked for and promised. That the Attorney-General is a thoroughly well informed official is a fact patent to all, but he seems to have a most remarkable knack of blundering—not in matters of great importance, but in small affairs which seem to strike him as not worth the trouble of looking at carefully, although they have in fact a good deal to do with making business run smoothly. When the Bill in question was proposed for second reading at the previous meeting, objection was taken by some of the unofficial members to the title proposed to be conferred upon Bishop Harmoni, and in support of the objection a certain despatch written by the Secretary of State some years ago was asked for, and, though there was no distinct promise in words by the Government, the understanding evidently was that it would be laid on the table. The Attorney-General asked the members not to delay the second reading of the Bill, and this request was assented to on his undertaking that is committee the objectionable title of Roman Catholic Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong should be replaced by some other term which would meet the views which had been expressed by the Hon. P. E. E. At the last meeting the motion came on that the Council go into Committee on the Bill. The despatch which had been asked for not having been produced, the Hon. P. E. E. requested that the consideration of the Bill should be postponed until this was done. The Government said it was an omission that the despatch had not been produced, that it ought to have been laid on the table. Notwithstanding this, however, the Attorney-General vehemently opposed the production of the despatch at that stage of the proceedings; he had himself seen it, but apparently for some reason thought it was superfluous that the other members should see it until the Bill had been disposed of, as though it had been called for merely as a matter of antiquarian interest and not for the purpose of throwing additional light on the subject under consideration. There was, the learned gentleman said, a proper procedure; his own procedure all the time being entirely wrong. He said further that he did not see why the Council should not have the fullest access to the despatch if it was moved for in a proper way, but he thought it was hardly in accordance with the self-respect of the Council and respect for its procedure that they should interrupt the discussion in order to send for a despatch written by the Secretary of State many years ago to see what was laid down in that document. Now the despatch had been moved for in a proper way, and if the proper procedure had been followed by those responsible for its production it would have been in the hands of the members before the motion to go into Committee was made and there would have been no interruption of the discussion. From the course taken by the Attorney-General one might have imagined he was opposing the despatch because he was opposing the production of some document in a trial at the Supreme Court on the ground that it was inadmissible as evidence. The decision was given against him, and the despatch was duly produced and read. Had this been done in the first instance the discussion would have proceeded with much greater regularity. In the despatch the Secretary of State expressly took exception to the title "Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong" and enjoined the Government not to use it in its communications with Bishop RAIMONDI. The Hon. P. E. E. in the further progress of the discussion, naturally made use of this, when the Attorney-General gave utterance to the extraordinary observation that the remarks of the hon. member strongly illustrated the mischief of his casual introduction of the document being used in the discussion. The final result of the matter was that the debate was adjourned for the production of further correspondence, so that the Report of Debates, as Mr. E. used to be called, has the credit of having won all along the line in the interesting little skirmish. How the Attorney-General could have dreamt of attempting to hold such an untenable position as he took up it is difficult to imagine.

It was proposed to substitute for the title "Roman Catholic Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong" that of "Vicar Apostolic of the Roman Catholic Church in Hongkong." The Hon. P. E. E. opposed the use of the term "Vicar Apostolic" altogether, pointing out that the said Bishop RAIMONDI uses in his ecclesiastical office bears the words "Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong." The use of the term "Vicar Apostolic" in the Ordinance might be construed into some sort of a sanction of this title. According to the Ordinance the Bishop would, we take it, have to use another seal, bearing the words "Vicar Apostolic of the Roman Catholic Church in Hongkong," in dealing with the property to be vested in him as a corporation, but in his ordinary ecclesiastical work he would no doubt continue to use the same seal as before. But it is not perfectly clear that even in dealing with property he would be required to use a seal bearing the words of the title given him by the Ordinance, for it is merely provided that he shall have and use a common seal; there is no stipulation that the seal shall be approved by the Government, and should the Ordinance pass in its present form it is quite possible that Bishop RAIMONDI would, if the question were raised in a court of law, be able to establish his right to use whatever seal he liked. The Bill is, in fact, open to objection all through. Its ostensible purpose is merely to facilitate the management of certain mission property, yet it provides that there shall be a perpetual succession in the office of "Roman Catholic Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong" or "Vicar Apostolic of the Roman Catholic Church in Hongkong" as the case may be. What business is it of the legislature whether such an office exists at all or not, or that there should be perpetual succession in it? Then the Ordinance goes on to provide further that the consent of the Governor in Council shall be necessary for the disposal of certain property vested in the corporation to be constituted by the Bill? Why should the Government thus be called upon to interfere in the affairs of a particular church? The most convenient means of effecting the object for which the Bill has been introduced would be to remodel it altogether and provide that the property in question shall vest in certain trustees to be mentioned simply by name and not by their ecclesiastical titles, if they have any. The first trustees would of course be persons named by those who are at present recognised as having the management of the property; vacancies hereafter occurring in the body of trustees to be filled up in whatever manner the parties interested in promoting the Bill may wish. The trustees having been appointed let them hold the whole property under a deed of trust, having the same legal character as trust deeds under which property is held by other religious denominations or quasi-public bodies. In the event of any disputes afterwards arising, the case could be brought before the Supreme Court, whose business it would then be to interpret the deed. The Government would thus be relieved of the control the present Bill requires it to exercise over the property of which the Sacred Congregation is at present seized in the Colony; there would be no absurd ecclesiastical titles question to stir up sectarian feeling; and the main object of the Bill would be satisfactorily secured. The very title of the present Bill is objectionable. Instead of being "An Ordinance to provide for the vesting of certain property, etc., etc., it is "An Ordinance for the incorporation of the Roman Catholic Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong," as though the primary object were to settle the status of an ecclesiastical dignitary rather than to facilitate the management of property. It is true the Bill deals with the title to property to be acquired in future, whereas a trust deed such as we recommend would only cover property in present possession, but the lawyers would readily prepare the necessary documents in the case of future acquisitions. Trust deeds would be safer for the Church than the provisions of the Bill, because under the latter it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that some future Vicar Apostolic of speculative tendencies might be drawn into the vortex of a land speculating mania and drag the Church into bankruptcy, which would be rather inconvenient. The high character of the Roman Catholic hierarchy is well-known, but as there are black sheep in every flock, so the position now held by Bishop RAIMONDI might possibly come to be occupied by a man altogether unworthy of the confidence reposed in him. This is a very remote contingency, but it is one which suggests the advisability of a better form of management for the property of the Roman Catholic Church than that provided in the Bill.

The telegram received by the Acting Governor of the Straits Settlements with reference to the despatch modifies to a considerable extent the version given by Reuter of Lord Northbrook's reply to Lord SYDNEY, but cannot be regarded as satisfactory. With the best will in the world, we fail to see how either General CAMDEN or Admiral DOWNELL can, with the forces at present at their disposal, do much to protect Singapore, much less the sister settlements. It is a true report states that the turret ironclad Cyclops is to be sent out for the protection of Singapore, but supposing she is ready with all possible expedition she cannot get out under three or four months. The Cyclops is a mastless, turreted ship of 3,400 tons, and was built with three others of the same class in 1870-71. She has two turrets each armed with two 18-ton guns. Her hull is 225 feet long with 45 feet beam, covered with a belt of armour seven feet wide in two strakes, the upper one eight inches thick, and the lower one six inches thick amidships tapering fore and aft. Above the hull is raised a breastwork, 117 feet by 34 feet, plated with 6 feet C inches of armour, varying in thickness from eight to nine inches. The Cyclops was specially built for harbour defence, and would be a valuable acquisition at Singapore. But she has got there, and can hardly be reckoned among the means of defence until she arrives, which might happen to be too late. The Imperial Government ought to authorise the immediate construction, locally, of sufficient torpedo boats for the efficient protection of Hongkong and Singapore.

The torpedo boat which was sunk in Chefoo harbour on the 11th March has been raised and beached by Captain Walker.

A Madrid paper says that a telegraphic cable is to be laid which will afford communication between Manila, Iloilo, Mindanao, and Sooloo.

Mr. BRENNAN, H.M.'s Consul at Chefoo, left that port for Tientsin, whither he has been transferred, to the steamer *Emerald*, on her way up to Amoy, to the Legation Council on Wednesday last.

The steamer *Mesmer*, from Hongkong, arrived at the port of Tientsin, where she had been beached full of water. A Chinese gunboat with a diver on board has been sent to her assistance.

The *Gibraltar* gunboat *Nauvoo*, which was wintering at Tientsin, is on her way down to Shanghai. She was at Chafao, and will arrive at Shanghai on the 1st inst.

The colours will not be previously announced, he trooped this morning by the Buffs. The ceremony has been discontinued until further orders.

The steamer *Mesmer*, from Hongkong, arrived on the 7th inst. at Shanghai. According to the *Daily News*, she is being sold to Mr. P. V. Grant, and transferred to the English flag.

The Agent informs us that the Pacific Mail Co.'s steamer *City of New York*, with mails from San Francisco to 12th March, has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail for Pekin at 5 p.m. today.

It was reported in Shanghai on the 4th instant that the *City of New York* had been captured by pirates, and was being held for ransom.

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Communications on Editorial matters

in modern warfare, against European or Japanese soldiery, as absolute and useless as the mode of battle array in vogue when Darius had led over Persia. The raw material of the Chinese army and navy is no good, that when trained and concentrated, will prove sufficient numbers, the discipline will be very strong and secure. The sooner the educational system that is needed is agreed upon and put into force, the better, as it is certain no sort of efficiency can come while the old officers remain in power.

The comments I have made on the requisite elements for forming a Chinese national army do not mean that I have no opinion of the force. The difficulty is considerable, and the cause of Peking is doubtful whether a single official high in law, has comprehension of even the rudiments of a proper military system, and even if the Peking Government is willing to take the initiative steps, the opposition to be encountered in the process will be very great.—*Our Correspondent.*

PEKING.

SUN, March 30.—The funeral obsequies of the late Sir Harry Parkes, G.C.M.G., R.C.B., H.M. Minister to China, which was postponed till the arrival of the deceased Minister's daughter, Mrs. Keswick took place to-day, in the chapel of the British Legation, the Right Rev. Bishop Scott and Rev. Mr. Parker, the General Secretary of the Board of Education, the Right Rev. Dr. St. John, Bishop of Calcutta, reading the Burial Service. The coffin was covered with a white cloth, which was gracefully decorated with flowers, many of which were given by friends.

The whole of the diplomatic corps were present, including the special embassy from Japan, H.E. Count Itō, having remained over a day in order to honour the memory of the man to whom the new empire of Japan owes so much. A delegation of its members from the "Tenth Army" also attended the funeral service. The High Commissioner of the Board of Punishment, Herr Yung-i, Vice-President of the Board of Works, and Tang Ching-hsun, Director of the Court of State Ceremonial, All the Customs staff, and the Professors of the Tung Wu Kuan, and nearly all the foreign residents in Peking, including missionaries, were present. About one hundred and thirty persons in all, the little chaperone, a girl, followed. A deep solemnity characterized the proceedings, not only on account of the unexpected termination of so valuable a life, at a very important juncture, but because there was saved an individual in the whole company whose recollections of the deceased were not made tenable by some acts of special kindness to him or herself. It was the character of Sir Harry Parkes' personal品质 that he was rendered cheerful, because he was well cognized that they were in the hands of a master-workman whose utter self-sacrifice drew the affection of all subordinates.

It is satisfactory to learn that the remains will be removed at a convenient time to England, for though there might be a kind of poetic appropriateness in Sir Harry Parkes finding his final resting-place in the shadow of the great triumph of his namesake, the resurrection of Peking cemetery, beyond the reach of civilized visitors, is not suggestive of pleasing associations, and it seems fitting that the England which gave him birth should receive again into her bosom the mortal remains of one whose claim to be placed in the front rank of her heroes is beyond all contest.—*N. C. Daily News Correspondent.*

LATE TELEGRAMS.

THE EXILE OF EDWARD PARKER.—Sir Harry Parkes left for Gibraltar on March 26th.

THE MORALIZATION OF TROOPS IN INDIA.—CALCUTTA, 26th March.

At the Conference held at Allahabad yesterday, at which the Viceroy was present, certain large military movements were determined upon. The general march with regard to the placing of troops on the frontier of the North-West Provinces, and the movement of the garrison of Peking cemetery, beyond the reach of civilized visitors, is not suggestive of pleasing associations, and it seems fitting that the England which gave him birth should receive again into her bosom the mortal remains of one whose claim to be placed in the front rank of her heroes is beyond all contest.—*N. C. Daily News Correspondent.*

SHAKESPEARE.—London, 26th March.

Frequent interviews are taking place between Sir Granville Le Mire and Fenton Pasha, and means are being taken to see that they are preparing for an alliance between Egypt and the Ottoman Empire.

UPPER BURMAN NOT TO BE ANEXED.—London, 26th March.

Earl Kimberley, in reply to a deputation from the London Chamber of Commerce yesterday, said that Government had determined not to annex Upper Burma. His Lordship also said that Earl Dufferin has under consideration the best means for improving our relations with Burma.

GENERAL GRANT'S HEALTH.—Philadelphia, 27th February.

A special article from New York, based on reliable American sources, states that the ill-fated three-colored report of General Grant's health recently given in a medical journal, the truth is that General Grant is a very sick man and his death is apparently not far distant. The public have no conception of the shattered condition of his physical system. It is hoped that the affection of the tongue may not prove fatal, but there is a risk of it, and the doctor who is developing it in malignant and fatal directions.

GENERAL GRANT'S DEATH.—London, 26th March.

For the American papers we take the following items with reference to the health of General Grant:

PHILADELPHIA, 27th February.

The Post interviewed Fred Grant this morning, the General's Health. He said: "He is a very sick man, and there is no use in longer delaying the fact. We have made every effort to keep the true facts from the public. Father has had little rest for the past few nights. He was up and about his room for a little while yesterday. We hope to get him up again to-day. He is suffering constant pain in the ear and head."

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NEW YORK, 1st March.

At midday General Grant's position reported unchanged. The General's health during the day as usual, but his physicians and friends have given up all hope of his recovery. His doctors say he is gradually sinking. There were many callers at the house to-day. Dr. Douglas said, "General Grant passed a sleepless night, slept well, had little sleep, and during the day was up and about, and enjoyed himself with his family. The General is not quite cheerful, and suffers no pain unless he talks too much. He

chats and jokes with his family, and has callers by the hundred. He is still ardently engaged on a book which his son Fred writes page by page.

General Grant's ceiling grille fell this morning, but a bright weather to-day seems to set off a stimulant. He is still at work on his memoirs.

NEW YORK, 4th March.

General Grant awoke at his usual time to-day, but not feeling rested; went to sleep again and did not get up nearly noon. After being dressed and taking a bath the General ate a little jelly, and was in a quiet, peaceful mood. He entered upon his literary work with a real enthusiasm, but a short time when there was a loud ring at the door. The visitors handed the girl an envelope and requested her to hand it to once to the General. She did so. It was a telegram and he opened it, then turned over his hands to the girl, who had been flooded lately. As his eyes ran over the brief message his hands trembled slightly and a change of colour spread over his usually impassive face. He called his wife, and when she came he handed her the telegram which had just come from Washington that the Retirement Fund had been paid out, signed by the President. The General was unduly excited, and was visibly affected by this telegram.

After the first shock from the good news

wore off the General relaxed into his usual

restful condition and remained for a long time in deep meditation. He then folded his materials and ceased work for the day. His condition seemed to improve, and he was able to eat a little of mixed meat, turnip and liquid for his evening meal, and seemed to enjoy his food more than he has for several weeks. In the afternoon about 3 o'clock the ex-President ordered his carriage and took a drive for about two hours in the park, and returned greatly refreshed. His spirit was plucked with cocaine, but he was in a much better condition than he has been for weeks. Dr. Douglas said: "General Grant has had a red-letter day for him. He has eaten heartily, been out riding, and seems considerably improved."

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SATURDAY, 11th April.

Quotations are—

Malwa (New) \$320 per ton, allow. of 1/2

Malwa (Old) \$330 per ton, allow. of 1/2

Fatu (New) 3574 per short ton

Fatu (Old) 3574 to 370

SHANGHAI, 11th April.

Quotations are—

Bank Bills, on demand 3574

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3574

Credits, at 4 months' sight 3574

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3574

PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 442

Credits at 6 months' sight 445

BONNAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight 222

ON CANTON.—Bank, 3 days' sight 222

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight 724

Private, 30 days' sight 724

SHANGHAI, 11th April.

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EXTRACT.

A MARCH MORNING.
Night's dreamy psalm is over;
Else, the youngling day
Discards his hay cover,
All fixed to chant his lay,
His free fresh lay which sings
Enchanting while he sings.

The shaded reddish grasses
Are bending, faintly curled;
A dewdrop each blossoms,
A vivid glow emperored;
But in the sun beyond
The petals turn diamond.

Where curves the rock-bound river,
A gun fires sound erect;

The sunbeams flash and quiver
It leaves to intersect;

One side is broad green,

The other silvered slops;

With trails of rippling laughter

The sparkling streamlets:

It carries not what seems after;

It could not move no more;

It lives its little day,

And spends it all in play.

Beneath the blue of heaven,

A brilliant blue screen;

Earth's expanse unbroken,

Of diverse shades green,

The sunshines, warm bold,

Sends shafts of radiant gold.

In this warm colour-region

Dull spirits high expand,

And hopes whose aims are legion

Elude all human thought;

More ears of living stills,

All music joyance will.

hollow wind. A third pressure of the finger, and a small contrivance, hanging from the wall by a silken cord is ready to glow red hot. This is an electric cigar-lighter, which is intended for postprandial service.

No matches or candles are evidently required in Mr. Swan's house; and yet there seems to be as little waste of electric current as possible. Thus a person can light his way upstairs or about the house late at night, by switches or press-buttons in the wall, which light up a lamp in advance of him and extinguish those behind. In this respect he may be said to travel with his light, or at least, call it into existence as he needs it. In the same way one can light his bedroom up before entering it, and darkness it on leaving, by simply pressing a key at the door. Or, again, one can switch the light from his toilet-table to his desk or sofa, and in one of the bedrooms, reserved for invalids, there is a lamp just over the pillow, which the patient may employ to read at night, and extinguish by the feel of effort.

Every part of Mr. Swan's house is lighted by electricity, from the nursery above, where the lamps are hung from the ceiling out of the children's reach to the coal-cellars below. In the library, of course, the light is quite an acquisition, as it is excellent for literary work, both on account of its purity and coolness.

In this kitchen there is a little dynamo-electric motor, which, traversed by the current shunted from a lamp or two, will drive a strong-mill or a coffee-mill with ease. In the winter days of snow, it may be used to turn a fan, which can punkah. Moreover, the same current can be made to turn electric service-hands, or fire and burglar alarms, thus helping to guard the house; and it would also be easy to utilize it in the telephone in speaking to a distance. There are some seventy lamps on the premises, including those along the garden-path and over the gateway, to speak of the passing guests at night. All of these are, however, not required each night, and some are only lit when there is company.

The current is supplied by two small dynamos driven by a gas-engine, and an accumulator is employed as a supplementary store of current to have on hand when an extra number of lights are used. "You see," says our host, as he shows us round the usual engineroom behind the house, where these appliances for generating the current are installed, "you see, it is a simple matter to start the engine. I have only to touch this key and the dynamos begin to work by sending a little of the current to the accumulators through there. Sir William Thomson showed me that

winkles." — "World."

COLONEL BURNABY AND THE PONIES.

The sudden and unexpected death of the hero of "The Ride to Khiva" has produced a world-wide feeling of sympathy. Some of the gallant officer's confidantes record stories of his prowess, skill, and strength. Burnaby in height was quite an Amazon among the people, and his strength appears to have been commensurate with his general physique.

Shortly after he joined the Blues the regiment was stationed at Windsor, and a horse-dealer who had come into possession of a couple of very small ponies had taken them thither by command to exhibit them to the Queen. Before going to the Castle he showed them to the officers of the Blues, to whom a happy thought occurred. Burnaby, who was captain then, was to his own room on the first flight. With some trouble the ponies were got upstairs, and the door quietly opening, they trotted in unnoticed. This was capital joke, and had a great success. But, as presently appeared, it had a gloomy side. The ponies had gone upstairs quietly enough; but neither force nor stealth could induce them to go down. The hour approached at which they were to be presented to the Queen, and the owner was in despair. Burnaby settled the matter off-hand. Taking a pony up in either hand, he walked downstairs and set them in the courtyard.—Stock-Keeper.

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